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2	IN AND FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
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5	RENALDO NAVARRO,		
6	Plaintiff,		
7	v. No. 3:19-CV-8157		
8	doing business as MENZIES		
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10	Defendants.		
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12	Zoom Remote Deposition of		
13	TRACY AGUILERA		
14	Tuesday, August 25, 2020		
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1	BE IT REMEMBERED that, pursuant to Notice of
2	Taking Deposition and on Tuesday, the 25th day of
3	August, 2020, commencing at the hour of 1:04 o'clock
4	p.m. thereof, via Zoom videoconference, before me,
5	CINDY TUGAW, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the
6	State of California, personally appeared,
7	TRACY AGUILERA,
8	called as a witness by the Plaintiff, having been by me
9	first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
10	hereinafter set forth.
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At this time, I will ask counsel to THE REPORTER: 1 stipulate on the record that there is no objection to 2 this deposition officer administering a binding oath to 3 4 the witness via Zoom, starting with the noticing attorney. 5 MR. URIARTE: No objection from plaintiff. 6 MR. WU: And no objections for defendant, Menzies 7 Aviation. 8 (Whereupon, the Witness was duly sworn by the 9 Reporter.) 10 EXAMINATION BY MR. URIARTE 11 MR. URIARTE: Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Aguilera. 12 Good afternoon. 13 Α. Could you please state and spell your full 14 legal name for the record. 15 Tracy T r-a-c-y, Marie, M-a-r-i-e, Aguilera, 16 A-q-u-i-l-e-r-a. 17 Q. Thank you. Have you had your deposition taken 18 before? 19 Α. Yes. 20 And how many times? 21 Q. Two or three. A couple times. Α. 22 And are these like as part of your duties as Q. 23 an HR professional? 24 Α. Yes. 25

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- they took over in July of 2017?
 - I'm sorry, can you repeat the question. A.
- Sure. When Menzies took over ASIG in July of 24
- 2017, did they distribute the Menzies employment 25

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right, you give it to the employees and then they 1 acknowledge receipt of it, correct? 2 3 Α. Yes. And they acknowledge that they have been given 4 one, isn't that the practice? 5 So the practice, Ms. Aguilera, is that once 6 the handbooks become available, you provide the 7 handbook to the employee and then they sign an 8 acknowledgment for receipt of them, is that correct? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Q. And then are you familiar with the Menzies 11 code of conduct? 12 Α. Yes. 13 And that's another kind of set of policies or 14 paperwork that's given to each employee, is that 15 16 correct? It's in the handbook, yes. 17 Α. Q. Oh, so it's part of the handbook? 18 Yes, it is. 19 Α. Is there a separate acknowledgment of receipt 20 Q. for the code of conduct or it's all just one? 21 Α. It's all just one. 22 Was there ever a training with regards to the 0. 23 Menzies California handbook and code of conduct? Was 24 there any kind of training like that? 25

There was, when the employees came in to sign 1 all the documents, we went over the documents with 2 3 them. Q. So how did that go? You called some of the 4 employees one by one or like a seminar? How did that 5 6 go? A. They would come in according to their 7 schedule, if they didn't have flights, they would come 8 into the HR department. We would -- I would arrange it 9 with their manager. 10 Q. Like how many people would come in at one 11 time? 12 A couple at a time. Α. 13 And then when you said you would go over it 14 with them, you actually went through some of the pages 15 and --16 What they were signing, yes. 17 Α. Q. What they signed. 18 Either myself or my clerk. 19 Α. I see. Do you have an independent 20 recollection of doing something like that with 21 Mr. Renaldo Navarro? 22 No, I can't say that I do. I didn't do a lot 23 of them. My clerk did a lot of them, most of them. 24 In July or August of 2018, who was your clerk? 25 Q.

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Any other reason? Q. 1 **A**. No. 2 3 Q. Is it your understanding that -- is it your understanding that somehow in the code of conduct 4 there's something there that addresses the concern that 5 you're not supposed to force employees to sign a 6 petition? 7 Α. Yes. 8 And do you remember seeing something like that 9 in the code of conduct? 10 Α. Yes. 11 MR. URIARTE: So, David, can we get Exhibit 13, 12 13 please. (Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 marked for 14 identification.) 15 ZOOM HOST: I sent a Chat to Tracy, and she should 16 be able to open that link, and she has a laptop, so she 17 can see the whole document. 18 MR. URIARTE: Okay. Very good. So you're not 19 going to open it over here or --20 ZOOM HOST: If you like, I can do that. It's up 21 to you. 22 Yeah, can we do that? MR. URIARTE: 23 ZOOM HOST: Okay. Sure. Coming back up. 24 MR. URIARTE: I think Jason and I are kind of used 25

memory is that they had the handbook at that point 1 already, is that correct? 2 3 Α. Yes. 0. And who would know for certain whether that's 4 true or not? 5 The documents should be in the files. 6 Yeah, well, I guess what I can represent to 7 0. you is that -- and I should show you that -- let's look 8 at Exhibit 15, please. 9 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 15 marked for 10 identification.) 11 MR. URIARTE: Q. So here is one of those 12 documents that lists the signature. If we look below, 13 it's got a blank, no employee name, no employee 14 signature. This was produced to us by your attorneys. 15 And so I have yet -- I mean, I quess, if you 16 get back to your office and you see some sort of 17 acknowledgment form that has Mr. Navarro's signature on 18 it, I think that would be helpful, but we have yet to 19 see that. 20 Okay, Ms. Aguilera? Did you understand my 21 request? 22 Α. Yes. 23 All right. How did you first find out that 24 there was a petition circulating about Andrew Dodge? 25

- A. The union notified me.
- Q. And how did they notify you?
- A. They called me. It wasn't "they." Charles called me, the man named Charles that worked in the union office.
 - Q. And what did Charles say to you?
 - A. He said, "Tracy, are you aware that there's a petition being circulated? Our members -- several members have called and complained that they were being forced to sign a petition."
 - Q. Okay. And then anything else that Charles said to you?
 - A. No.

- Q. And so, in response to that, what did you do?
- A. Well, I asked him if he had a copy of the petition and who was being forced, but he never got back to me on that. With that being said, I made contact with the acting general manager at the time, and his name was Renil Lal, and I told him that I received the call from the union.
- Q. Okay. And did Renil get you a copy of the petition?
- A. Not right away. I don't believe -- no, he did not.
 - Q. Do you know how long before you actually got a

A. This is the one that I believe was given to

Do you remember this to be the petition that

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we're talking about?

Raul Vargas.

Q. Okay. Let's scroll to page 2 just to make sure Ms. Aguilera sees the whole document. It's a three-page document.

And this is the one that has Renaldo Navarro's signature on line 16, as you see there. Do you see that, Ms. Aguilera?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then it also has the signature of the other supervisor, July Macapagal. Do you see that?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So we've been calling this the first petition. So if we scroll back to page 1 -- and I understand that you've said that you asked the security department or Raul Vargas asked the security department to investigate the role of Mr. Navarro. I understand that part.

What I'm now distinguishing with you is with regards to the subject matter of this petition. And I'll let you read it, or if you want, I can read it for you.

Are you able to read it fine, Ms. Aguilera?

- A. Yes, I know how to read, yes.
- Q. Okay. So it says, "We the fuelers on Menzies 130 side would like to make a petition against Andrew

Dodge. The way he supervised is very unprofessional when he run the operation or supervised, people are not [taking] their breaks it's because the way he set up the flights" -- okay? -- "and he always blaming the people there's a delay or always saying lack of manpower and trucks issues."

Okay. So let's just stop there. That part of the petition, was that ever investigated?

- A. The whole scenario was investigated by Kevin Blumberg.
- Q. Aside from the email that contains some of Mr. Blumberg's conclusion, is there another document that addresses these concerns?
 - A. I don't have them.
- Q. So if there is an investigation, it would be part of what Mr. Blumberg engaged in, correct? Is that correct?
 - A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Let's go on to the next one. "The truth is he doesn't know how to run the show, we also addressed the problem to the higher position managers (Nicco, John and Renil) as usual nothing happened, looks like they always covering his mistake or maybe these managers don't know anything about fueling also like Andrew Dodge lack of experience about fueling."

document that writes or has further conclusions 1 regarding his investigation? Ms. Aguilera? 2 3 No, I don't have a copy of it. 0. Okay. I quess my question is more -- when we 4 see Mr. Blumberg's product or result of his 5 investigation into the petition, this is what we're 6 looking at right here, the email that he wrote to you 7 with his conclusions, is that correct? 8 Α. This says a statement, yes. 9 Aside from this statement, is there any other Q. 10 written document? 11 Α. Not that I have. 12 And here his conclusion really is 13 "unprofessional behavior by a supervisor." Do you see 14 that? 15 Yes, I see it. 16 Q. Just taking that kind of like in its 17 isolation, "unprofessional behavior by a supervisor," 18 would that result in a termination? Is that something 19 that would normally result in a termination? 20 A. It depends on the caliber of the -- what he's 21 done. 22 Q. And your recommendation actually was not to 23 terminate, correct? 24 A. Myself and our directors, yes -- my director, 25

recommendation, and he came up to my office and we 1 discussed it, and that's when Kevin came up and said --2 and gave me the details of the investigation. 3 Q. And so Raul Vargas went to your office, you 4 had a discussion about it, and in that discussion the 5 final warning option was discussed? 6 A. He asked me why I came to that conclusion of 7 not to terminate, and I told him based on Renaldo's 8 tenure and what was in his personnel file. 9 Q. Okay. And what's your opinion as to why 10 11 Mr. Vargas did not follow that recommendation? A. After speaking with Mr. Vargas and Kevin in my 12 office and them going into detail about harassment, my 13 opinion changed, and I reviewed it with my director, 14 and we were in agreement to terminate him. 15 And then I guess I understand all of that. 16 But I think the only kind of unclear portion of that is 17 the -- and maybe let's pull it up. 18 MR. URIARTE: If we could pull up Exhibit 11. 19 wanted to kind of focus on the issue of the issuance of 20 the final warning and what Mr. Vargas knew about that. 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 11 marked for 22 identification.) 23 MR. URIARTE: Q. And issuance is not the right 24 word, right? You drafted a document of final warning. 25

A. Yes, I did see one.

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1 A. Yes.

Q. It says that, quote, "On September 6th, 2018"

-- it's about nine days after the termination of

Mr. Navarro -- "I was asked by Menzies fuelers to write
a Petition on behalf of the Fuelers on 130 side vs.

Andrew Dodge. The petition was written out and signed
by the Fuelers" and then turned over to the union. In
addition, it was also given to Raul Vargas.

Were you made aware of this particular petition?

- A. After it was given to Raul Vargas and given to Kevin Blumberg.
- Q. So, and just to make sure we're speaking of the same thing, so there was a first petition, and this seems to be the second petition. And this is a separate petition, you understand that?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What came out of this second petition, if anything?
- A. Nothing on the HR side. There was no union grievance, there was no complaint by the union except for the original phone call I received.
- Q. And so you said it was given to Mr. Blumberg.
 Was an investigation actually done because of this
 second petition?

1	A. If I'm not mistaken, this is for the same
2	issue.
3	Q. So no additional investigation was done?
4	A. Not to my knowledge.
5	MR. URIARTE: Now, let's go to Exhibit 17, please.
6	(Plaintiff's Exhibit 17 marked for
7	identification.)
8	MR. URIARTE: Q. Okay. You see Exhibit 17, I
9	believe it's Employee Performance Development and Steps
10	to Progressive Discipline.
11	If you could go down a little bit, David, that
12	would be better.
13	This is a reverse pyramid here. And you're
14	familiar with this, Ms. Aguilera?
15	A. Yes, I am.
16	Q. My question here really is how come
17	progressive discipline was not instituted?
18	A. Harassment has zero tolerance.
19	Q. And was it discussed as an option?
20	A. I'm sorry?
21	Q. Was it discussed as an option?
22	A. Progressive discipline for harassment?
23	Q. Yes.
24	A. No.
25	Q. Is that written somewhere where harassment,

later on about the extent to which you had discussions regarding Andrew Dodge's work performance. If there were issues with Andrew Dodge's work performance, would those typically be brought to your attention or to someone else's attention?

A. Usually it would go to the manager, if there were issues, it would go to -- it's a protocol. It would go to the supervisor, the supervisor would go to the general manager, the general manager would go to the director.

Usually if there's -- I usually get involved if it comes down to a final warning or a suspension pending termination.

- Q. Okay. But in terms of everyday work performance, that's something that you're not usually involved with?
 - A. No.

- MR. WU: David, we can take off Exhibit 8. Thank you.
- Q. Mr. Uriarte also asked you about some pictures of Andrew Dodge that you had seen.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. I think I lost count. How many photos have you seen?
- A. One or two. I believe I can really remember

- come in at 8:30. And it was -- like the picture outside, it was, you know, after 8:30, it was light out, and I actually seen him. But the one in the office I only know because, you know, even Rey would say, "This is what I took this morning," and Rey would come in later.
 - Q. Okay. So just to make sure I understood that all correctly, the photo where Andrew was sleeping in his truck, you could tell he was off duty because there was light out in the photo?
 - A. Yes, it was light, because I come in at 8:30 in the morning, and he's off work by then.
- Q. And the second photo with Andrew sleeping in the supervisor's office, you knew that he was off duty because Rey mentioned that it was a photo he took in the morning?
 - A. Yeah, exactly, yes.
- Q. And Andrew would be off duty in the morning?
 - A. Yes, because he worked graveyard.
 - Q. Do you remember Mr. Uriarte asking you whether Mr. Navarro complaining about any issues with Andrew Dodge would be part of Mr. Navarro's duties as a supervisor?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And do you remember answering yes to that

STATE OF CALIFORNIA 1 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO) 2 3 I, CINDY TUGAW, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, duly authorized to 4 administer oaths pursuant to Section 8211 of the 5 California Code of Civil Procedure, do hereby certify 6 7 that TRACY AGUILERA, 8 the witness in the foregoing deposition, was by me duly 9 sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing 10 but the truth in the within-entitled cause; that said 11 testimony of said witness was reported by me, a 12 disinterested person, and was thereafter transcribed 13 under my direction into typewriting and is a true and 14 correct transcription of said proceedings. 15 I further certify that I am not of counsel or 16 attorney for either or any of the parties in the 17 foregoing deposition and caption named, nor in any way 18 interested in the outcome of the cause named in said 19 caption. 20 Dated the 10th day of September, 2020. 21 2.2

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